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There are lots of changes coming in the next few years to Tampa Bay highways, including tolls lanes, a new bridge and additional lanes to help ease congestion. We get you up to date on what projects are slated for bay area roads and when they are scheduled to take place. **Local, 1B**

Protests in Iran claim more lives

Ten more people died overnight Sunday in the nationwide demonstrations that started Thursday, protesting economic hardships and political corruption. That brings the death toll to 12 demonstrators and one police officer. **World, 2A**

Here's what really got under our skin

For the second straight year, the top complaint from Floridians in 2017 was violation of the "Do Not Call" list, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Rounding out the top three were issues with housing and landlords, and reports of unfair fuel prices. **Business, 4B**

Believe in this season's 'X-Files'

While the 2016 six-episode revival was solid, the new season, which premieres Wednesday on Fox, really hits its stride, flexing the full range of *X-Files* muscles, including horror, sci-fi, mystery, comedy and romance. **Etc, 2B**

TODAY'S WEATHER

Cold

8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.	8 p.m.
38°	54°	54°	47°

10% chance of rain

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Get up and go

In the mood to do something fun but don't know what's happening locally? Worry not. We list all the Tampa Bay events at **tampabay.com/things-to-do**.

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Plane crash kills Belleair family

The well-known family of four is among 10 Americans who died in the Costa Rican accident. The cause is unknown.

Costa Rica's Public Safety Ministry via Associated Press

This photo released by Costa Rica's Public Safety Ministry shows smoke rising from the site of a plane crash in Punta Islita on Sunday. Costa Rica officials told the local news media on Sunday that the cause of the crash was unknown.

BY MARK PUENTE
Times Staff Writer

A holiday getaway to Costa Rica ended in a fiery plane crash that claimed the lives of a family beloved within their community — a mother and father who had practiced medicine more than decade at Morton Plant Hospital and two teenage children pursuing the arts and social activism.

BELLEAIR

In all, 12 people died Sunday when the plane crashed in a wooded area on a planned flight from Punta Islita in northwestern Costa Rica to the capital city of San Jose.

Killed in the crash were Dr. Mitchell Weiss, 52, and his wife, Dr. Leslie Weiss, 50, of Belleair, and their children Hannah Weiss, 19, and Ari Moses Weiss, 16. Also killed were a family of five on vacation from Scarsdale, N.Y., a guide from a California-based tour company, and the two flight crew members.

Costa Rican investigators said Monday that strong winds or

» See CRASH, 10A

Courtesy of IONTB.com

From left are Hannah Weiss, 19; Leslie Weiss, 50; Mitchell Weiss, 52; and Ari Weiss, 16. "It's a tragedy and a loss for their families and to ours at Congregation B'nai Israel," Rabbi Jacob Luski said. "They will be missed."

Plane crash

A Belleair family vacationing in Costa Rica died in the crash of a plane that had just taken off from Punta Islita Airport for the capital city of San Jose.

ERSI Times

Kim wants Koreas to talk

The N. Korea leader's proposal could hamper the S. Korea-U.S. accord.

New York Times

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea's surprise call on Monday for direct talks with South Korea could drive a wedge into the decades-old alliance between Seoul and Washington, potentially creating a reprieve from months of tensions but also undercutting President Donald Trump's tough approach to the nuclear-armed North.

A New Year's Day speech by Kim Jong Un, the North Korean leader, contained a dramatic shift in tone and policy regarding the South. After ignoring South Korea for years, Kim called for urgent dialogue to discuss improving ties and easing military tensions on the divided Korean peninsula, even as he claimed an ability to strike the mainland United States with nuclear missiles.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un shifted tone and policy.

South Korea's President Moon Jae In welcomed the proposal.

Kim also agreed to a request by President Moon Jae In of South Korea to send a North Korean delegation to the Winter Olympics to be held in South Korea next month.

Kim's about-face, which was broadcast on state-run television, came just days after Washington rallied its allies and rivals to support increasingly punishing United Nations sanctions against North Korea.

Analysts said Kim was looking for opportunities to weaken international resolve to enforce the penalties, as well as to sow discord between the United States and South Korea.

In his customary annual

» See KOREAS, 5A

Fortunes change for original plays

As tourist-friendly musicals take over, American playwrights are no longer aiming for Broadway.

BY PETER MARKS
Washington Post

NEW YORK — In June, four original dramas by highly regarded playwrights vied for the Tony Award for best play of the Broadway season. Three months later, all four were gone.

Their truncated lives reflect an imbalance that has all but eradicated a once thriving category of American entertainment: the commercial new Broadway play. For decades, the theaters of Broadway — now numbering 41 — were the moneymaking breeding ground for these plays. But what was once the rule on Broadway is now the rare exception. And the traditional for-profit, new Broadway play is disappearing almost as surely as the dodo.

Three of those four nominated new plays — *Indecent* by Paula Vogel, *Sweat* by Lynn Nottage and Lucas Hnath's *A Doll's House, Part 2* — were brought to Broadway by commercial producers;

» See PLAYS, 15A

Courtesy of Matthew Murphy

Uma Thurman, left, and Blair Brown star in *The Parisian Woman*, which was initially commissioned for a small theater.

Moneyed partisans exploit sexual harassment claims

Some fear the movement could be threatened by those out to take advantage of the victims.

New York Times

WASHINGTON — As the #MeToo movement to expose sexual harassment roils the nation's capital, political partisans are exploiting the moment, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to support accusers who come forward with charges against President Donald Trump and members of Congress, even amid questions about their motivation.

As accusations take on a partisan tint, activists and lawyers fear that such an evolution could damage a movement that has shaken Hollywood, Silicon Valley, media suites in New York and the hallways of Congress — and has taken down both a Democratic fundraiser, Harvey Weinstein, and a conservative stalwart, Bill O'Reilly.

"There is a danger in this environment that unsophisticated individuals who have been abused by powerful people could be exploited by groups seeking partisan advantage, or by lawyers seeking a moment in the limelight," said Debra Katz, a Washington lawyer who has brought sexual harassment cases against politicians from both parties.

The lawyers and operatives behind the most politically charged cases brush off those concerns.

» See PARTISAN, 7A